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OKING FORWARD TO THE CONFERENCE

Come to Asilomar prepared to the game" by taking an active n the open forums. If you have lata on the subjects to be dis- l, bring them along; e. g., How ohibition working in your part of ate? What do your people think Congregationalist? How is the system working with you? rof. J. S. Davis of Stanford, who the subject, "What the Econo- Has to Say to the Preacher," asks ministers write him what ques- they would like to put to an omist. By the way, he was one ie economic experts with the s Commission, and for years the Harvard Bulletins on Inter- nal Finance. Probably Prof. S. ight of Berkeley (Zoology) and Buckham (Theology) would wel- similar questions in the sphere eir specialties. Dr. Muirhead, the eminent British sopher, will be with us. Perhaps inisters can persuade him to let gather round him in the after- and ask questions. These va- afternoons give a fine chance to e one of these experts out among and-dunes and quiz him.

R. ARTHUR H. SMITH ON CONDITIONS IN CHINA

r. Arthur H. Smith arrives in San cisco July 14th on the President eland.

om the American Board Quarterly s Bulletin:

his world-famous missionary and or, at the age of 82, after 54 years rvice under the American Board hina, is returning to the United es on account of the disturbances is adopted country. As he puts "here are more assorted varieties naos in China at the present mo- than we can remember to have ." Once asked to explain 'the om facts' of the China situation, eplied, 'There is no bottom and e are no facts.' His comment present conditions is as follows: It is now fourteen years since we e to China the last time, but I am thirsting for the delights of the . A.! I do not understand either country or the people and should be at all at home. In its present acted condition China is not a de- ble place of residence, either, and ns likely to be less so in the fu- . There has now come to be a p line of demarkation between the ssionary element" in China, and business world of Americans, ch is as novel as it is regrettable. will hear from others of the visit week to the American Legation a band representing several mis- ary societies, to protest against participation of the United States an "ultimatum" to the miscalled nese Government, about the stop- e of navigation of the Taku river. my part, I am willing to let the erican Government settle questions this sort, but the Americans in ing, at least, have felt it their nden duty to intervene, the results which I do not yet know. It is most gular that less than ten months r the fateful "Shanghai Incident" should have a Peking replica on a ch larger and more deadly scale in ch only Chinese are concerned. e total death-roll yesterday was 40, more to follow. Many of these were innocent students, lads and lassies, with a "patriotic complex," but inexperienced and misled. We are totally at a loss to understand General Feng, especially his absolute refusal to intervene when there is no other man in sight to "Save China!" He is too implicated with Soviet Russia to be trusted as he once was, and there are dark spots in the careers of most, if not all, of his generals. How the peace-loving Chinese people are ever to rid themselves of the mail-clad men on horseback that now trample them underfoot, it is impossible to forecast, but it will be done sooner or later.'"

A PREVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MONDAY, JULY 26

2:30 Devotions; opening business.
3:00 Open Forum on Religious Journals: "The Congregationalist and the Christian Century, Merits and Defects".....E. C. Oakley and W. E. Eckles
4:15 Open Forum: "Motion Pictures in the Church Service".....H. S. Davidson and F. W. Morrison
7:00 Song Service.
7:20 Address.....Walter B. Williams
Address, "Tests of Our Churches".....Supt. Geo. F. Kenngott

TUESDAY

9:00 School of Song, led by Mrs. F. W. Hodgdon.
10:00 Annual Conference Reports.
11:30 Lecture, "What the Zoologist Has to Say to the Preacher"....Prof. S. F. Light, University of California
12:15 Recess for Lunch.
5:00 Study Class: "The Moslem World".....Dr. Fred F. Goodsell of Constantinople
7:00 Song Service.
7:20 Address.....Roscoe D. Douglass
Address.....Rev. Dr. Chauncey Hawkins, Seattle

WEDNESDAY

9:00 School of Song.
10:00 Business Session. Apportionment, etc.
11:30 Lecture: "What the Economist Has to Say to the Preacher"....Prof. Joseph S. Davis, Stanford University
12:15 Recess for Lunch.
5:00 Dr. Goodsell's Study Class.
7:00 Song Service.
7:20 Address: "What the Layman Expects From His Minister"....National Moderator Frank J. Harwood
Address (we hope).....Dr. Arthur H. Smith of China

THURSDAY

9:00 Song Service.
10:00 Business Session.
10:45 Sectional Round Tables:
a. For Men of the Laity, led by Mr. Harwood: "The Layman's Obligation."
b. For Women of the Laity, led by Mrs. H. F. Swartz.
c. For Pastors, led by R. C. Waddell and F. W. Morrison: "The Problems of Young People's Organization."
12:15 Recess for Lunch.
5:00 Dr. Goodsell's Study Class:
7:00 Song Service (Y. P. Conference uniting).
7:20 Address.....Jerome C. Holmes
Address.....Dr. O. W. S. McCall

FRIDAY

9:00 School of Song.
10:00 Address: "The Crisis in Prohibition," followed by general discussion.....Judge W. A. Beasly
11:30 Lecture: "What Is Philosophy Anyhow?".....Dr. J. H. Muirhead of England
12:15 Recess for Lunch.
5:00 Dr. Goodsell's Study Class.
7:00 Song Service.
7:20 Address.....Edwin T. Sherman
Address.....Dr. Frank W. Hodgdon

SATURDAY

9:00 School of Song.
10:00 Open Forum: "The Proposal of Released Time in the Public Schools".....Led by H. F. Swartz and T. T. Giffen
11:30 Lecture: "What the Theologian Has to Say to the Preacher".....Prof. John W. Buckham, Pacific School of Religion
12:15 Recess for Lunch.
Evening—A Play: "The Rock," presented by a group of players from the Alameda Church.

SUNDAY

9:45 Bible Classes: For Men, led by H. H. Gill; for Women, led by R. B. Dodge.
11:00 Church Service. The Conference Sermon by Rev. H. Vernon White.
4:50 Vesper Service.
Memorials of Ministers who have passed on.
The Lord's Supper, administered by J. J. Kelly.
7:00 Popular Sunday Evening Service (Y. P. Conference uniting).
Sermon by Dr. H. F. Swartz.
8:30 Fellowship Meeting, led by C. F. Clarke.

MONDAY

9:00 Business Session (Subject to order of the Conference).

ASILOMAR!

On the evening of July 6th there will open at Asilomar, California, the ten-day session of the Missionary Education Conference for 1926. This is an interdenominational conference for the training of leaders along all missionary lines. It is the largest, in point of attendance, of the M. E. M. Conferences in the United States. It is practical. It is pleasurable. It is recreational. It is inspirational.

The program presented at Asilomar is arranged to cover the missionary work in all branches of the Church, such as the Sunday School, Young People's Society, Missionary Society, and the Church School of Missions.

The interdenominational mission study books recommended for us during next year will be taught. These include studies in religious conditions in our own rural America, and also the interesting theme of "The Moslem World."

Has your church arranged for representaton in this Conference? If not, please take the matter up at once, that you may have the benefit of the instruction to be given there in July. Write for particulars covering room and board expense to Missionary Education Movement, 443 Chamber of Commerce Building, Los Angeles, or 421 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE

Benevolences
May 1st-31st, 1926

Adin	$ 30.00
Berkeley, First	880.46
Berkeley Bethany	25.00
Ceres	50.00
Crockett	12.50
Fresno, First	83.38
Fresno, Kreuz	100.00
Grass Valley	18.00
Lodi, First	550.00
Martinez	118.63
Oakland, First	481.11
Oakland, Plymouth	206.54
Oakland, Olivet	20.00
Pacific Grove	35.90
Palo Alto	150.00
Paradise	35.00
Petaluma	114.95
Redwood City	200.00
San Jose	85.00
San Leandro	14.50
San Mateo	50.00
Santa Rosa, First	27.21
Tulare	80.00
Woodside	10.50
Big Creek	200.00
Saratoga	7.00
Total	$3,585.68

Distribution

C. W. M. S.	$ 33.03
Conference	264.24
Annuity Fund	45.08
Ministerial Relief	60.12
S. S. E. S.	60.12
Foundation for Education	90.17
C. C. B. S.	215.80
C. E. S.	180.36
A. M. A.	400.74
W. B. M. P.	397.77
A. B. C. F. M.	601.18
C. H. M. S.	1,237.07
Total	$3,585.68

Comparative Figures 1925-1926

Jan. 11-Feb. 28	$ 3,586.24	$ 3,671.92
Mar. 1-Mar. 31	3,532.70	3,907.97
Apr. 1-Apr. 30	4,036.67	4,236.03
May 1-May 31	3,982.85	3,585.68
Totals	$15,138.46	$15,437.42

BERKELEY CHINESE

In the mission there are many activities besides the evening school. The Sunday School is fairly regularly attended. For recreation the young men have their Athletic Club. In addition, the local Y. M. C. A. provides a form of recreation for those who attend Sunday School. The Sunday School enters a team in the S. S. Athletic Association sponsored by the Y. M. C. A.

In the evening school there are two distinct groups. One is composed of those who are learning the English language in the public schools and the other group is made up of those who have not had opportunities to learn English.

Miss Ritchie, who teaches the beginners, gave the boys some money for a Christmas gift. The only stipulation made was that they should spend it for themselves. The boys decided to use the money to give a party for Miss Ritchie in the mission. Miss Ritchie has done a great deal for all of the boys. It is through her that they are able to get a true conception of Christian ideals and principles.

Most of the boys are doing well in their school work. Practically all of them came to the mission school before entering the public schools. Pon Jee, a boy who has been here for six years, is now a freshmen in the university. He came to the mission almost directly from the time he came from China. He graduated last semester from high school with recommendations for college entrance.

Another boy has recently returned from the East, where he has completed a course in an automobile school and factory. With little or no knowledge of English, these young men have become quite proficient in the use of language.

It is interesting to note that in the case of the boy who went East, he did not abandon his church or Sunday School attendance while there. His Christian education, which he received in the mission, was not neglected. He had learned enough to want to attend church while in the East.

Not long ago one of our church members died, leaving practically penniless his wife and three small children. Everyone tried to help them. Dr. and Mrs. Wong and Miss Ritchie greatly helped the widow by finding her proper lodgings and otherwise making things easier for her in her sorrow.

Many of the boys who come to the evening school had never heard much about Christ. Those of them who can come to Sunday School to learn more about Him. Miss Ritchie always gives the new boys a Bible if they haven't one of their own. One of the boys to whom she had given a Bible had told his friend about it. The result was that a few nights later this boy came to Miss Ritchie for another one, saying that he had given his to his friend.

RENMI JUE.

Miss Catherine Ritchie asked me for my opinion about the Berkeley Chinese mission. I am very much pleased to do so. The church means more to me than anything else in the world. There we are taught to valuate the great things of the life, and to appreciate high ideals.

There are about twenty five young men living in the mission. All believe in a higher education. We get it in and outside of school. Education will lead us to a higher standard of living, and to a better understanding of our fellow-men.

I became a member of the church in the year of 1920 when I arrived in Berkeley. By the encouragement of Miss Ritchie and Dr. Wong, I decided to strive for a university education. First I began to study English with Miss Ritchie. I found that I improved after six months. In August 1920, Miss Ritchie recommended me to the seventh grade at the Edison Jr. High School in Berkeley. I got along with my studies pretty well. Fortunately, I completed the elementary courses in two years. Then I transfered to the University High School in Oakland, from which I had the principal's recommendation to enter college. I now attend the University of California. I am glad to say that I find no trouble in my college work yet. However, schools and colleges can teach me merely the technical things and I must learn the practical by experience.

Under the able leadership of Dr. Wong, the young men of the mission have organized various activities such as the Sunday School, the Christian Endeavor Society, the Bible Class, the English and Chinese Debating Clubs. Our service makes the mission interesting and successful, and we have a lot of good times in serving the church.

I realize that my experiences in the church teach me to love my fellowmen sincerely, and to trust to God and Heaven. I admire the qualities of leadership, fellowship, scholarship and sportsmanship, because I believe that these things will make a man.

I thank God for leading me to the Berkeley Chinese Congregational Church, where I have found friendship, and learned those things which lead to a higher life.

Pon Q. Jee.

The following article was written by this student for "Cub Tracks," published by the University High School, Oakland.

FAMINE IN CHINA

By Pon Q. Jee

It was five years ago, during a famine in the northern provinces of China. The day was cold. Everywhere seemed quiet except some crying sounds from far away.

In a Chinese village, a tall, thin, old woman was walking tremulously with a small basket in her left hand and a crooked stick in her right. She was the very image of benevolence. She was bent with age like a shaking tree. Her features were keen and regular, with a long nose, kindly black eyes, and a wrinkled forehead. Her character exhibited the suffering she had endured in her past days.

There was only a little piece of meat in her basket. The old woman looked so grateful for it. She often took it up, drawing it to her nose and taking a deep breath. The meat was cold and odorless, but she was never tired of smelling it. It would probably give her the strength necessary to reach home.

She was busily looking and smelling the meat as she walked on her way home. She suddenly sighed and cried, "Ah me! Famine is everywhere, and all the crops are poor this season. Who would expect to live under such dreadful conditions? This little piece of meat I have and the heap of rice which was stored at the hut last year, are sufficient for my children and me for a couple of days. All day long, I have been traveling from one village to the other for this bit of meat. Thank God, I have it! May I have the strength to bring it to the children! It is only a little way further."

As she said these words over again and again, she imagined how her children would feel if they were sitting together at their plain table and having the pleasure of eating. She was full of childish imaginations as her little hut came into view.

But on her way she accidentally fell on the roadside. She took a special care of the basket, and the meat was yet in place. She really would rather lose her life than lose the meat. It took her a long time to rise. At that moment the old woman saw a little girl at her feet. That girl was lying silently with her head against the root of a bared tree and her feet across the path. The old woman feared so severely that her hands were trembling, her basket was shaking and her knees were slowly bent down. She closed her eyes and retreated as far as she could but the harder she tried to leave, the nearer she approached to the girl. Her hand unexpectedly touched her and found that she was warm and alive.

The old woman opened her eyes and looked at the poor child. She covered her with her coat and took her hands upon hers. In a moment or two she revived a little and told her story to the old woman with a painful tone: "My mother sent me to borrow some rice from her relatives but when I returned, I lost my way I have tried in vain to find the wa back. I am so hungry that I am u able to take even one step."

The child was so pale, her voic was so grievous that it moved th old woman to the heart. She looke at her basket and put the question t herself: "What was to be done? Sha I give it away?" Then she thought o the golden time she planned to have She could not bear even to look a the little girl, suffering and starving She wrung her hands, struggling Then she reached slowly into th basket and took out a precious bi and placed it gently in the child' hand, as tears came into her eyes.

The girl recovered her strength im mediately after she had finished th meat. She thanked her benefactor an followed the direction the old woma pointed out. Tears of joy and sorrow blinded the woman's eyes as sh watched the departure of the gratefu girl.

The old woman raised her head to ward the sky. The snow was drop ping. The wind was blowing. There was not even a glow of light to b seen on the horizon. She bowed he head and picked up the empty bas ket. In her mind she saw her tw children waiting for her impatiently at the door. From the dim eyes drops of tears covered her cheeks as she thought of there being no food bu the heap of rice.

"After all, it is God's will. I went out and came back after a long jour ney with the same empty basket. A heap of rice is all we have, and in a few days more we shall starve," the old woman murmured as if something in her throat prevented her speaking.

She softly climbed up the path to the hut and cautiously opened the door. There was no need for her to be quiet or to bring food. Her two dear children had slipped away. They would need no more earthly supplies.

In her grief, she lay down beside them. The next morning neighbors found the three bodies — grief and starvation had released her too, from further suffering.

BOOKS RECEIVED

"A Tribute to the Triumphant," by Bishop Francis Wesley Warne; 95 pages; price 75c. The Methodist Book Concern, New York.

"The Negro in American Life," by Willis J. King. An elective course for young people on Christian Race Relations. In the World Friendship Series; 154 pages; price 75c net. The Methodist Book Concern, New York.

"I believe the liquor traffic to be the curse of the human family. Whether sold in the saloon or secretly purveyed in defiance of the law, the wicked stuff works its demoralization and ruin to individuals, communities and states." —United States Senator William E. Borah.

A BILL OF FARE FOR VARIED PALATES

Look over this menu and see whether you can afford to be anywhere else but at Asilomar during the days of the State Conference in the week beginning July 26th:

(a) Addresses by outstanding spiritual leaders:
Frank J. Harwood, Moderator of the National Council (Wednesday).
Dr. Chauncey Hawkins of Seattle (Tuesday).
Dr. Frank W. Hodgdon of Berkeley (Friday).
Dr. Geo. F. Kenngott of Los Angeles (Monday).
Dr. O. W. S. McCall of Berkeley (Thursday).
Dr. Arthur H. Smith of China (Wednesday).
Dr. H. F. Swartz of Berkeley (Sunday).

(b) Lectures by specialists of eminence:
Prof. S. F. Light, U. of C., Zoology (Tuesday).
Dr. Joseph S. Davis, Stanford, Economics (Wednesday).
Dr. John W. Buckham, Pacific School, Theology (Saturday).
Dr. J. H. Muirhead of England, Philosophy (Friday).

(c) The School of Song, conducted by Mrs. F. W. Hodgdon, one hour a day for five days (Tuesday to Saturday).

(d) Studies of the Moslem World, by Dr. Fred Goodsell of Constantinople, one hour a day for four days (Tuesday to Friday).

(e) Open Forums and Round-Tables:
Religious Journals (Monday).
Motion Pictures in Church (Monday).
Crisis in Prohibition, by Judge Beasly (Friday).
Released Time Legislation (Saturday).
Sectional Round-Tables for men, women and pastors (Thursday).

(f) Addresses by representative pastors:
Roscoe D. Douglass (Tuesday).
Jerome C. Holmes (Thursday).
Edwin T. Sherman (Friday).
H. Vernon White—Sermon (Sunday).
Walter B. Williams (Monday).

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NG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

program for the second annual ence appears in another column s paper. The curriculum is so ed as to be the foundation for a ulum covering two years of work ung people of high school age, third year of graduate work for of college years. Leadership g certificates will be given by ongregational Education Society se who complete either of these es.

delegates for this year must be of senior high school or college They should be elected by the h and their applications for reg- on endorsed by the pastor, Sun- chool superintendent, or church Pastors or superintendents have ly received registration cards. ee is $2 if paid before July 15. that date it will be $2.50. Regis- ns should be sent at once to the rence Education Office, 424 Phe- uilding, San Francisco. Churches g three or more delegates should at a carefully selected adult elor for the delegation who may er as such and for whom three ship courses are provided.

prices for entertainment appear e back of the registration cards. nment of rooms will be made e committee in charge of ar- ments. An adult counselor will pointed, with a young person as ant for each house.

eral of the bay churches will be sented by delegations of eight to e members. Young people in ood and Glen Ellen have already d the money for their expenses; astor at Paradise, one of the distant points, is planning to his young people's society repre- d. The prospects are for a no- increase in enrollment over last

Conference leaders are Dr. Jo- ne Kennedy, dean of women; Reva E. Patrick, assistant dean men; Rev. J. C. Holmes, dean of Dr. B. M. Palmer, chaplain; Mrs. . Hodgdon, director of music; ed D. Dabagh, director of recre- and Secretary J. C. Prince, con- ce executive.

faculty will consist of Rev. F. Goodsell, Constantinople, Tur- Dr. Josephine Kennedy, formerly ochow, China; Rev. F. W. Mor- San Jose; Rev. J. C. Prince, ley Rev. L. A. Stark, Antioch; George T. Tolson, Pacific School ligion; Rev. R. C. Waddell, Oak- Rev. H. V. White, Stockton, and H. H. Wolford, Sunnyvale.

cial speakers: President H. F. tz, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Rev. F. Goodsell, Dr. Josephine Ken- Rev. H. V. White, Rev. J. C. es and Rev. F. W. Morrison.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Year's Program for Young Peo- by Harry Thomas Stock, stu- and Young People's secretary of ongregational Education Society, much-needed handbook, keyed to special interests and needs of g people. The book furnishes a tion of practical plans and inter- ed activities for young people's s, including plans for organiza- worship services, expressional ities, discussion studies and re- g projects. Various emphases tressed each month, although the al theme for the year remains same. The program month by h is: "Planning a Program." mber, "The Interest and Needs ung People"; October, "Getting d the Program," "Making a borhood of the World"; Novem- "The Meaning of World Citizen- ; December, "Applying the tian Spirit," "Building Christian acter"; January, "Developing Right Habits"; February, "A Code of Christian Ethics," "Young People and the Church"; March, "Understanding Our Religion"; April, "Making Our Neighbors Christian," "Training for Larger Leadership"; May and June, "Education and Life Work," "Special Summer Activities"; July and August, "Local Church and Union Enterprises" and "Personal Service Activities." Pastors, superintendents and leaders of young people should have this handbook as they forecast the plans for the new season. Price, four copies for $1.00; postpaid, $1.10; single copies, 30 cents postpaid.

SECOND ANNUAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUMMER CONFERENCE ASILOMAR—JULY 26 TO AUGUST 2

MONDAY, JULY 26

Afternoon Session

12:30 Luncheon.
1:30 Enrollment and Assignment of Rooms.
3:00 Business Session.
4:30 Meeting of Council of Conference.
6:00 Dinner.
7:15 Vespers.
8:00 Reunion and Introductions:
"Peoples on the March".....Rev. J. C. Holmes

TUESDAY TO SATURDAY (INCLUSIVE)

Morning Session

7:15 Breakfast.
8:10 Chapel.
8:40 "The Bible and Its Use" (H. S.).....Rev. F. W. Morrison
"Use of the Bible in Teaching Religion" (C.)....Rev. R. C. Waddell
9:30 "The Church at the Cross Roads" (H. S.).....Rev. L. A. Stark
"The Moslem World" (C.).....Rev. F. F. Goodsell
"The Church's Program for Young People" (Adult Leaders)....
.....Rev. J. C. Prince
10:20 Recess.
10:35 "Life Problems" (H. S.).....Rev. H. H. Wolford
"Philosophy of Religion" (C.).....Rev. V. White
11:25 "Rise and Development of Congregationalism" (H. S.).....
.....Prof. G. T. Tolson
"Organization and Program Building" (C. and Y. P. Officers)..
.....Secretary J. C. Prince

Afternoon Session

12:30 Luncheon.
1:30 Rest and Quiet Period.
2:30 Directed Recreation.
5:00 Open Conferences with Faculty and Leaders.
Committee Meetings.

Evening Session

6:00 Dinner.
7:15 Vespers.
8:00 Special Programs:
Addresses, Campfires, Joint Sessions, Stunts and Stuck-ups and Pirates' Entertainment.

SUNDAY

Morning Session

9:30 Church School.
11:00 Church Service with Church Conference.

Afternoon Session

3:00 Open-Air Service. Theme, "The Goals for the New Season." Talks by young people.
7:00 Evening Service with Church Conference.
8:30 Candle Light Service. (Concluding Feature.)

It is planned to have a Vacation School for children, conducted each forenoon by competent leaders.

NEWS OF THE MISSIONARIES

The Conference office is widening its scope in the taking over of the local work of the American Board office. We have met two missionaries lately who have returned to this country on furlough. Miss Ruth V. Simpson of the Marathi Mission, Bombay, India, arrived on the President Taft June 2nd and left that evening for the East by way of Seattle and the Canadian-Pacific. She is stopping on her way East to visit some of her former associates at the mission. Miss Cornelia Judson, from Matsuyama, Japan, arrived on the Anyo Maru on June 4th. She left on the seventh for an extended trip across country to her home in the East by way of Yosemite and the South, attempting to see as much of her native country as possible on the way East.

We have had word of several other missionaries who are en route to this port. Miss Helen Gunderson of Peking (W. B. M. I.) is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco on the President Wilson June 16th. Then Miss Rosamond H. Clark of Tottori, Japan (W. B. M., Boston) on the Tenyo Maru June 25th. The President Lincoln, due here on June 30th, is bringing two families: Rev. Francis M. Price of Paotingfu and Rev. Philip D. Dutton of Taiku, Shansi; and the President Cleveland on July 14th brings two families: Rev. Harry S. Martin of Tunghsien, North China, and Dr. Arthur H. Smith, retired, formerly of North China. On the President Pierce, July 28th, we are looking for Rev. Robert B. Whitaker and his family of Lintsing, and Rev. Elmer E. Galt and family of Paotingfu. We are already receiving mail for Mr. Galt, who is to be in residence here for several months. Dr. Fred F. Goodsell, who is to be our Conference missionary this year, is arriving via the Atlantic ports.

We have received word of tentative reservations for outgoing missionaries, the first of which are Rev. and Mrs. Ralph R. Shrader, who will sail on the President Adams August 14th for North China. The President Taft, sailing August 21st, is to carry several: Rev. Albert C. Hausske and family, North China; Miss Eleanor Burnett, Japan; Miss Edith Fosdick, Japan, and Mrs. William W. Ramsey, visiting missionary daughter in Japan.

Some of our people met Miss Simpson in the Conference office during the day she was with us, and a few have helped to make Miss Judson's visit among us more friendly. We hope that others will have the opportunity of meeting and talking with some, even those who are here for only a few hours. It certainly makes the missionary work more vital to be able to have a chat with these people who are so full of their work.

AWARDS FOR CONFERENCE CONTEST

The committee on awards for the contest in connection with the Young People's Summer Conference has given first recognition for poster to Miss Evelyn Simonds of First Church, Berkeley; for poem to Dr. David Hadden of Plymouth Church, Oakland, and for essay to Miss Nora Blichfeldt of the same church. The poem of Dr. Hadden and one by Arthur Arlett, also of Plymouth Church, Oakland, are printed elsewhere in this issue of THE PACIFIC.

TO ASILOMAR

(Tune: "On the Road to Mandalay")

By DR. DAVID HADDEN

We are camping here together by this wondrous Western sea,
Where the sands are ever piling and the ocean laughs with glee,
And the curling crested breakers rolling in upon the beach
Stimulates our heart's desire for the heights we long to reach.
We've come to Asilomar,
Come together from afar,
Eager for the Master's message to us at Asilomar.

We have gathered here together to extend a helping hand
To our friends who love and labor here or in a foreign land;
Tho' our brother's skin be colored by the bronzing of the sun
The self-same crimson-tinted blood stream in all our veins doth run.
We've come to Asilomar,
Come together from afar.
For the knowledge of the Father we gain at Asilomar
We've come to Asilomar,
Come together from afar,
To worship Him who loves us on the shore at Asilomar.

We will gather here together in the sunset's purple glow,
When the gulls have ceased their flying and the surf has calmed its flow,
While the fog rolls up in billows o'er the peaceful ocean's breast,
And the pines are dripping moisture and their branches are at rest
We'll come to Asilomar,
Yes, in spirit from afar,
For we will yearn for the peace that we find at Asilomar.
We'll come to Asilomar,
Yes, in spirit from afar,
To the ocean's urge and surge and eddy at Asilomar.

ASILOMAR

(Tune: "Materna")

By ARTHUR ARLETT

Oh, beautiful for tossing pines
That catch each ocean breeze;
For bushes of a thousand kinds,
For distant, sparkling seas.
Asilomar! Asilomar!
May thy great work ne'er cease!
God grant to thee, eternally,
A never ending peace!

Oh, beautiful for stretching dunes
That line the foam-washed shore;
For shadows of the evening moons
That shone thru years before.
Asilomar! Asilomar!
We place in thee our trust,
And pray that He bestow on thee,
The blessing of the just.

Oh, beautiful for soul of man,
For noble deeds men do;
For God's great artistry of plan,
In making Christians true.
Asilomar! Asilomar!
May thy great creed be mine,
And may God bless, in tenderness,
Each noble act of thine.

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OFFICE ITEMS

There will be no July issue of The Pacific. The Conference Programs may carry a supplementary sheet of any important developments.

Subscriptions have been coming in nicely. There are several hundred still delinquent. It may surprise you to find that you are one of them. Think it over!

There are a number of our members who would like this paper if they could be reminded of the price and the place to send subscriptions. We are going to need them for the information we hope to send forth this fall and winter.

Our benevolences are barely holding their own. A few churches have faltered in making monthly remittances. Watch the column and stir up your treasurer to good works, which means systematic accounting and prompt remitting of these trust funds.

Plan to attend the Conferences at Asilomar July 26-August 2. Read the programs. We would like to have 100 per cent of our churches represented by one or more delegates. It is an opportunity to keep the local church in fellowship with the group of churches.

The new order adds many tasks to our busy office. We are carrying on without any added workers and we are striving to render good service. A few cogs slip now and then in attempting to gear up the whole work of the Conference. It is a great challenge and we are going to need large co-operation from the field, more volunteer service and stout hearts to do the full task in an efficient manner.

Our new Armenian Church, under Rev. H. A. Kartozian, is showing fine progress on both sides of the bay. We should give larger aid to this most promising piece of new work.

Broadmoor is all set for its building program. We hope that every member of all these bay churches will take some part, large or small, in helping erect an adequate church plant for this long-deserved place of worship. Should you like to help, consult with the pastor, Rev. Edwin T. Sherman, or with the Conference Superintendent. They have a plan by which everyone may have a hearty share in the work.

There is a demand for NEWS. "More news, less propaganda" is the request. We agree. The demand can be met if our correspondents will send in news. We receive quantities of material—more than enough to fill several numbers; we receive some items that interest the writers, but are not of public character. We welcome news. We are ready to print news. Try sending us a live news item!

UPPER BAY ASSOCIATION

Promptly on the hour, Upper Bay Association gathered at Benicia Thursday, June 3rd, with a delegation far exceeding anything in recent years and under Moderator Champlin had as lively and enthusiastic meeting known in the memory of those present. Interest centered around the papers on religious education and the matters of the present-day Service Clubs. There is a new spirit shown in this section of our Conference with the rapid development of this Tidewater region. A fine group of new and aggressive ministers have come into leadership within the past few years and the results are very manifest. Champlin at Pittsburg, Stark at Antioch, Tate at Rio Vista, Pollard at Suisun and Hannaford at Martinez are all facing new challenges and have much to hearten them. Crockett, under Owens, faces racial and industrial problems; Bay Point, while not represented at the meeting, has new prospects for upbuilding and advance.

Addresses were given by Secretary Prince, Mrs. W. J. Hazlett and Superintendent Minchin from outside the Association and by practically all those within its bounds.

Connected with the Association meeting was the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Benicia church. Beginning with the dinner hour, a most interesting program was carried out under the direction of the pastor, Rev. T. Davis Preston. Greetings were read from former ministers and reminiscences related by Rev. Benjamin St. John, who was pastor there for eleven years, the longest pastorate in the history of the church. Other greetings were brought by representatives of various groups, and the address of the occasion delivered by Rev. Lawrence L. Cross, minister of the Northbrae Community Church, Berkeley. One of the interesting and delightful features was the singing by the Children's Choir. It was a high day for Benicia and the Upper Bay Association.

SANTA CLARA ASSOCIATION

The meeting this year was at Campbell. The attendance was large and representative. The program was strong and the discussion was unrestrained. Mr. Cherington made a fine presiding officer, the ladies at Campbell furnished two most excellent meals and the church was most attractive in appearance and decoration.

The greater part of the discussion centered around the question: "Why the Hiatus Between Religious Education Directors and the Average Sunday School Leadership?" Interest has shifted from matters of Merger, The Pacific and Conference affairs to the more academic question of religious training. This is a hopeful sign. Attention is being riveted upon one of the most popular and most discussed questions in our local affairs.

Santa Clara Association is noted for its freedom of utterance and its strong and commanding leadership. The church reports were of more than passing interest. There is sign of progress all along the line. The detailed program is not at hand at this writing, only memories remain. The local correspondent sent no word of that memorable meeting, hence these jottings from one who roves up and down in happy fellowship with churches that have the best kind of fellowship and good-will.

RIO VISTA

The church at Rio Vista had two great days during the month of May. Mothers' Day was celebrated with the church filled and the baptism of nine children. It was beautiful to see the young fathers and mothers standing at the altar presenting their children to be dedicated to the service of the kingdom. The whole service was full of inspiration and has left a lasting impression among our church families.

One of the great historic days of the Rio Vista Church was celebrated Sunday, May 23rd, in honor of the Pioneers. The church was filled to overflowing with many of the descendants of the pioneers and charter members of the church who had come from many parts of the state to join in the celebration. The Suisun Church shared with Rio Vista the fellowship and glories of the day.

Mr. Peter Cook read the roll call and touched every heart by his splendid tribute to the mothers and fathers in Israel who had wrought so wonderfully in building up both the church and the community life. He said they were still present with us, though they had joined "the cloud of witnesses" and were watching to see if we would take up their unfinished tasks and what we would make of them.

The address of the morning was delivered by Mr. Thomas B. Dozier, the well-known San Francisco attorney. It was full of memories of the early days and paid a fine tribute to the Christian faith of those pioneers who built the Christian church in the community. He confessed that as he grew older he felt the need of such a faith and would give much to possess the assurance, the serenity of heart and mind and spiritual peace that it inspired.

More than 250 guests sat down at the beautifully decorated tables and partook of the splendid luncheon provided free of all costs, by the Friday Club and Ladies' Aid Society Speeches full of historical interest were made by Dr. Tate, Mr. John Cook of Berkeley, Mr. Green of San Rafael and others. Mr. Peter Hamilton, the only charter member of the church remaining in Rio Vista, was received with applause and his presence gave great satisfaction to all.

The unanimous request has been made to the church that such a celebration be arranged annually.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY ASSOCIATION

The Sacramento Valley Association was held with the Church at Paradise on May 4th and 5th. All active Churches in the Association were represented with one exception. The program was built around the idea of "The Church at Work." Addresses were given by Rev. E. O. Chapel of Grass Valley on "Foundation Work—the Sunday School"; by Rev. R. C. Day of Loomis on "Work With Young People"; by Rev. W. J. Minchin on "The Youth Movement in Foreign-Speaking Churches"; by Rev. Harvey Miller of Alameda on "The Place of Music in Worship"; by Rev. J. C. Prince on "Young Peoples' Work"; by Rev. Harley H. Gill of Sacramento on "The Job of Being a Church Member"; by Rev. W. M. Case of Reno on "Dramatics and Pageantry in Worship," and by Rev. W. J. Johnson of Oroville on "The Share of the Pulpit in the Building of Character." The addresses all showed careful preparation and the consensus of opinion was that it was one of the best Association meetings held in this region for some years.

Rev. Tom Watt, pastor of the Community Church at Williams, was made a member of the Association by letter.

Reports from the Churches showed steady progress in some particulars, and a strong holding of the line i others. There was a very good a tendance by people of the local Parish and all of the delegates and visitor were royally entertained. Great prais is due Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Dains, wh make ideal hosts.

Officers for the coming year are a follows:

Rev. C. H. Dains, Paradise, Mode ator; Mr. F. S. Briggs, Sacrament Assistant Moderator.

The next meeting of the Associatio will be held in Sacramento.

North Church, Berkeley, called council for the installation of its pa tor, Rev. Walter Byron William Tuesday, June 8th. It proved an occ sion of great satisfaction. There wer no differences of opinion, the fellow ship was delightful, those who too part spoke interestingly and th church at its supper hour gave a de lightful banquet to the guests.

Rev. Miles B. Fisher was chose moderator, Rev. Godfrey Matthew scribe. Other parts were taken b Dr. Frank W. Hodgdon, Rev. H. S McCready, Rev. John C. Prince, Rev William Rader and Superintenden W. J. Minchin.

ORDINATIONS

From the First Congregationa Church (Berkeley) Bulletin, May 2 1926:

"In last week's ordination servic our church auditorium had new conse cration. The three ordinants belonge to us and we shall live in the wor which they will do. Mr. Sidney B Buckham, nurtured by the church fro the time he was four years old, cam into membership in 1916. With spe cial interest and gladness did we liste to his statement of his religious ex periences and the influences in th home and in the church which had le him to choose the ministry for is lif work. Mr. Philip K. Swartz came int our lives and hearts at the time whe Dr. and Mrs. Swartz and his brother and sisters came into membership i 1922—though the special religiou work carried on while a student i Pacific School of Religion led him t First Church, Oakland, for member ship. Mr. Fred R. Morrow was a val ued member for some time during hi student life in Berkeley, transferrin his membership to Plymouth Church Oakland, when he took up religious education work there."

SONOMA ASSOCIATION

This Association met Wednesday May 5th, at Petaluma. Rev. W. L Youngman was the Moderator. In teresting reports were given from the various churches, showing a most en couraging condition of affairs. Clo verdale offers to loan its dramatic talent to the sister churches; Sonoma has organized a Sunday School a Fetters Springs. The luncheon re sembled a banquet, under the leader ship of Mayor Sales, where Mr. Phil lips, 90 years of age, enlivened the affair with his wit and optimism. Ad dresses were given by Rev. Isaac Cookman of Sonoma, Rev. B. Den Naylor of Sebastopol, Rev. Jerome C Holmes and Superintendent of Schools Jerome O. Cross of Santa Rosa. Mr B. F. Painter, Superintendent of Schools of Petaluma, was the newly elected Moderator.

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